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Extensive Bridge Reconstruction Work Begins on Illinois Route 171

CHICAGO- the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that the \$35 Million dollar bridge reconstruction work on Illinois Route 171 (First Ave) to repair all bridges on the southbound Illinois Route 171 will occur, weather permitting, starting March 30, with preliminary work beginning March 23.

In order to complete the work, lanes will be reduced, weather permitting, with the following details:

- On March 23, preliminary work will start on the northbound lanes to prepare for and accommodate northbound and southbound traffic.
- By March 30, all traffic will be on the northbound lanes of Illinois 171.
- All ramps on the southbound Illinois 171 will be closed to traffic during the entire duration of the project and detour routes will be posted.

The project is expected to be completed by October 31, 2015.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at <http://goo.gl/upgvZu>. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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